

SENATE BILL 1374

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49
and Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 12, relative to
education funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-3-359(c), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

(1)

(A) Subject to appropriation, the department of education shall allocate to each LEA sufficient funds for the LEA to employ one (1) full-time public school nurse for every seven hundred fifty (750) students enrolled in the LEA, or one (1) full-time public school nurse for the LEA, whichever is greater.

(B) An LEA shall:

(i) Use TISA funds or the funds allocated to the LEA pursuant to subdivision (c)(1)(A) to directly employ a public school nurse or to contract with the Tennessee public school nurse program, created in § 68-1-1201, for the provision of school health services; or

(ii) Advise the department of the LEA's decision not to do so.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-1203(b)(2), is amended by deleting the language "three thousand (3,000) students" and substituting instead the language "seven hundred fifty (750) students".

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, at 12:01 a.m., the public welfare requiring it, and applies to the 2023-2024 school year and each school year thereafter.